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TITLE OF INVENTION: INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

SLOO, MARSHALL A.

Examiner

NGA B. NGUYEN

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on December 4, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the Amendment filed on December 4, 2007, which paper has been placed of record in the file.
2. Claims **1-20** are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter/Reasons for Allowance

3. Claims **1, 17, 20** are allowed over the prior arts cited records.

The closest prior arts are:

1) Maier (The Seattle Post Intelligencer) discloses how various police departments use the Internet to fight crime and locate suspects. Maier gives little detail about the particular programs or web sites, but does mention that "on the Internet, citizens anonymously report drug dealers to the cyberpolice, check out crime in their neighborhoods, calculate their risk of being murdered and communicate directly with the chief of police." (Maier, page 1). Maier further explains that some such systems provide information about police logs, including crimes that have been committed, and are used to facilitate communications among police officers themselves. (*Id.*, page 2). Maier further explains that "most law-enforcement Internet efforts are aimed at opening communications with the public," and that one system allows citizens to file complaints and crime reports online. (*Id.*, page 3). Importantly, Maier only discloses systems that enable communications between citizens and a police department, essentially replacing the previous methods of hand-writing a crime report or calling the police department with an electronic system for doing the same.

2) Campos (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution) discloses a computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system implemented as part of a 911 system. The CAD system assists 911 call takers by allowing them to enter call information into a computer rather than hand-writing it on a card. (Campos, page 1). Once the information is entered into a computer, "that information is electronically sent to a master computer, and then dispatched into a police officer's cruiser, a firefighter's truck or a paramedic's ambulance, depending on the nature of the call." (*Id.*). Importantly, the CAD system disclosed in Campos requires at least two people to operate: a call-taker and a dispatcher. "Call-takers enter into the computers such information as the type of call (police, fire or medical)... "wherein the information is then processed by a dispatcher, who quickly decides what type of response is appropriate for the incident." (*Id.*) Thus, the CAD system does not remove the need for human workers, but merely facilitates the recording and communication of information between the human workers. The CAD system further tracks on-duty police officers and firefighters by maintaining a list officers and their status on a computer. For example, "it may show that a beat officer is eating lunch or already answering a call. In that event, the nearest officer would be sent instead." (*Id.*, pages 1-2).

3) Stockweather (Business Wire) discloses a system that will supposedly "dispatch vehicles to the scene of a police, fire or emergency services incident". However, at no point does Stockweather actually explain how dispatching decisions are made. For example, Stockweather discloses a "computer system dispatch monitor that shows a map of the city that automatically locates all emergency

vehicles. The computer identifies instantly the vehicles closest to the incident and their status. Dispatch instructions are transmitted to the dispatched vehicles telling the drivers the exact location, the level of priority and what type of incident requires their response." Thus, Stockweather discloses a system that tracks vehicles and can send dispatch instructions to those vehicles closest to the incident, but does not disclose any method of selecting an appropriate authority, or deciding whether to dispatch police, fire or emergency services.

4) Colgan (US 5,510,978) discloses a computer system for assisting a community police officer (CPO) in implementing a community policing program. (Colgan, abstract). The computer system replaced the previous system of using a loose-leaf notebook, referred to as a "beatbook," wherein the beatbook was used by the officer, who would update various forms in the beatbook relating to the officer's communication with members of the community and the officer's supervisors, problems encountered, information gathered, and plans to address problems. (*Id.*, col. 2, lines 21-40; col. 6, lines 20-32; fig. 10). Thus, the computer system stores supervisor comments and allows the officer to view the comments electronically (*id.*, col. 7, lines 25-37; Fig. 3) and provides various electronic tools for documentation, investigation, and resources (*id.*, col. 7, line 55 - col. 8, line 25; Fig. 4). The system enables the officer to view crime reports lodged by citizens. (*Id.*, col.16, lines 10-24). The system allows the officer to search the reports by various types of criteria, such as date, time of date, location, type of crime, type of victim, type of perpetrator, etc. (*Id.*, col. 16, lines 25-55). It should be noted that the crime reports are generated according to a traditional procedure that

"almost every police department will have." (*Id.*, col. 16, line 13). The system also includes a tool for generating a report useful to assist the officer in investigations. (*Id.*, col. 17, lines 31-50). The system enables the officer to choose information that will appear in the reports, such as information collected by the documentation, investigation, and resource tools. (*Id.*) It should be noted that this report is generated *by the system* and *for the officer*, to "assist the officer in his investigative function." (*Id.*, col. 17, lines 32-33).

Therefore, it is clear from the description of Maier's, Campos's, Stockweather's and Colgan's inventions that the prior arts do not considered the possibility of: A computer-base method of collecting and processing incidents observed by witnesses, comprising: selecting an authority to whom the incident report should be sent, wherein the authority is selected based at least in part on information entered by the witness and wherein the authority is selected by the computer system based on information entered into the incident report by the witness, **as included in claims 1, 17, and 20.**

4. Claims (2-16) and (18-19), are allowed because they are dependent claims of the allowable independent claims 1 and 17 above, in that order.

Conclusion

5. Claims **1-20** are allowed.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Nga B. Nguyen whose telephone number is

(571) 272-6796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM-5:00PM.

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/Nga B. Nguyen/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3692

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